

Remarks

Claims 1-30, 34-36, 38, 40-43, and 48-51 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, claims 31-33, 37, 39, 44-47 are pending. Applicants respectfully acknowledge the allowability of claims 31-33, 37, 39, and 44- 47.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 48-51 are rejected as allegedly lacking written description in the specification. Claims 48, 49 and 51 , are cancelled herein, thus mooted this rejection. As no rejected claims are remaining, allowance of this application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

No fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,

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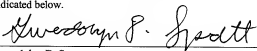
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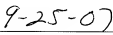
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